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Dear Attorney Hesse:

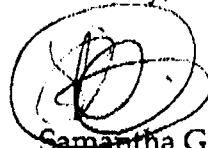
I am aware of a period of public comment in the case of the *U.S. and Microsoft* is now open and will be until January 27, 2002. I would like to express my support of the settlement that has been reached.

I understand that these settlements are difficult to reach. Knowing how much time and effort goes into these cases I believe that no more time should be spent on this case. Further litigation in the Microsoft case will only keep government lawyers and staff from more meaningful business. The government now needs to focus on other more pressing national matters. Needless to say, too much money has already been spent.

Microsoft lawyers and staff should also be allowed to concentrate on the business of technology. They should be allowed to continue to be a progressive and productive company. As such, Microsoft will contribute to the economy and the computer industry. At a time when many companies are failing the government should be encouraging all companies, especially large and productive ones, to continue to grow - not restrict or regulate them needlessly.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service in the United States government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'S. Gudheim', enclosed within a circular scribble or stamp.

Samantha Gudheim